



FACT SHEET

354th Fighter Wing Public Affairs
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The 354th Fighter Wing mission is to fight and support the fight...any time, any place. The 354 FW is the host unit at Eielson Air Force Base, Alaska and is assigned to 11th Air Force, headquartered at Elmendorf AFB, Alaska. Eleventh Air Force falls under Pacific Air Forces, headquartered at Hickam AFB, Hawaii.

The 354th Fighter Wing is divided into four groups and 10 wing staff agencies. The groups are Operations, Maintenance, Mission Support and Medical. The wing commander's staff agencies include the Historian, Protocol, Chaplain, Staff Judge Advocate, Safety, Finance, Manpower, Command Post, Military Equal Opportunity and Public Affairs.

354th Operations Group

The 354th Operations Group conducts air operations in support of wing and higher headquarters requirements. The 354th OG directs operations and training of F-16 Low Altitude Navigation and Targeting Infrared for Night, or LANTIRN and A/OA-10 weapon systems, providing day and night combat-capable forces for worldwide deployment. This group is composed of four squadrons:

The 18th Fighter Squadron – F-16 Fighting Falcon. The 18 FS conducts air operations with more than 20 F-16C/D combat-ready fighter aircraft that provide all-weather close air support, air strike control, combat search and rescue, interdiction, strategic attack, and defensive and offensive counter-air. The F-16s LANTIRN system, coupled with Night Vision Goggles make the "Blue Foxes" the most advanced night-capable fighters in the world. The 18th FS flies a yearly training program of about 4,400 sorties and 6,400 flying hours.

The 355th Fighter Squadron – A/OA-10 Thunderbolt II. The 355 FS conducts air operations with more than 20 A/OA-10 combat-ready aircraft providing air, ground and sea commanders with close air support, air strike control, air interdiction, joint air attack team, joint maritime, escort, and search-and-rescue missions. Night vision goggles allow pilots to conduct missions under the cover of darkness. The squadron also provides Battalion Air Liaison Officers for the Army's 172nd Infantry Brigade (Separate) in Alaska, and the 2nd and 3rd Brigades in Hawaii. The ALOS provide expert advice to Army forces on the use of aircraft and the tactical employment of close air support assets in the form of ground forward air controllers. The 355th FS flies a yearly training program that consists of about 4,300 sorties and 7,000 flying hours.

The 3rd Air Support Operations Squadron supports United States Army Alaska and the 172nd Infantry Brigade (Separate) as primary liaison between the Army and Air Force on all tactical airpower applications and battlefield integration. The unit coordinates, requests and controls close air support, theater airlift, and reconnaissance missions in support of brigade staff, two light infantry ground battalions, one light infantry airborne battalion and one aviation regiment under tough arctic conditions. In addition, 3rd ASOS maintains a combat weather flight that supports Ft Wainwright airfield and deployed battlefield operations. The squadron is a geographically separated unit stationed at Ft Wainwright.

The 354th Operations Support Squadron supports the group's flying mission through a diverse array of specialties. The *airfield operations flight* directs air traffic control and airfield management for the OG.

The *weather flight* provides weather observations and forecasting. The *weapons and training flight* fulfills vital combat effectiveness requirements, including weapons, tactics and electronic warfare expertise, wing life-support management, survival instruction and operations training management. The *operations and scheduling flight* provides long- and short-range operational and maintenance scheduling services. The *intelligence flight* delivers a full range of intelligence products. The *operations plans flight* provides operations plans development, plans maintenance and related advice.

354th Maintenance Group

The 354th Maintenance Group provides aircraft and munitions maintenance support to the 354th Fighter Wing's F-16 and A-10 aircraft as well as Cope Thunder, transient and special mission aircraft operating on base. Three squadrons are assigned under this group:

The 354th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron provides aircraft sortie production and weapons loading support for the wing's aircraft. In addition to a command staff, the aircraft maintenance squadron has two aircraft maintenance units aligned with each of the wing's fighter squadrons. The 18th Aircraft Maintenance Unit supports the 18th Fighter Squadron's F-16 aircraft while the 355th Aircraft Maintenance Unit supports the 355th Fighter Squadron's A-10 aircraft. In each of these aircraft maintenance units are the aircraft crew chiefs, system specialists, weapons loaders, maintenance schedulers, support personnel and production leaders.

The 354th Maintenance Squadron provides heavy aircraft maintenance and munitions support for the wing's aircraft. The squadron also provides aircraft maintenance and munitions support to Cope Thunder, transient and special mission aircraft operating on base. In this squadron are the command staff, avionics, propulsion, accessory maintenance, armament, fabrication, aerospace ground equipment, munitions maintenance and support personnel.

The 354th Maintenance Operations Squadron is responsible for all 354th Maintenance Group maintenance training, aircraft engine data management, maintenance operations as well as maintenance plans and programs. The squadron also provides administrative support for the group staff functions. This squadron is made up of the maintenance training engine management flights.

354th Mission Support Group

The 354th Mission Support Group provides combat ready forces, equipment and essential services while sustaining base infrastructure and providing programs to improve quality of life for the Eielson community. The 354th Support Group also provides a comfortable home for Eielson's associate units. The group's seven squadrons include:

The 354th Logistics Readiness Squadron combines logistics plans, supply and transportation organizations to provide overall direction for base logistics processes related to vehicles, cargo/passenger movement, personal property, supplies, equipment, deployment planning and operations, fuels, and logistics plans.

The 354th Mission Support Squadron operates the military personnel flight, family support center, base education center, civilian personnel office, Eielson's Airman Leadership School and the First Term Airman's Center. Additionally, the squadron provides administrative support for the 354th Fighter Wing staff agencies and the 354th Support Group staff.

The 354th Contracting Squadron provides a full spectrum contracting support to the 354th Fighter Wing and associate units. They also provide contract support to Clear AS, Fort Wainwright and Fort Greeley. Contracting personnel obligated more than \$58 million in fiscal year 2002 in local contracts and oversaw the purchase of an additional \$14 million using the Government Purchase Card. The largest contract to date is the Pacific Alaska Range Complex, valued at \$61 million.

The 354th Security Forces Squadron provides both law enforcement and resource protection services for the base, and secures all assigned aircraft, along with numerous transient aircraft. They provide

weapons training to both Eielson and Clear Air Station personnel. The unit manages a seven-dog military working dog kennel and the armory. They also provide pass and registration services.

The 354th Civil Engineer Squadron is responsible for construction, maintenance and operation of the Eielson base infrastructure, including 734 buildings, 1,476 family housing units and 20,005 acres of land on the main base. To accomplish this, it operates a coal-fired heat and power plant, water plant and wastewater treatment plant. These facilities make the base independent of commercial utilities. The unit is also in charge of 16 additional remote sites, with 61 buildings and 63,411 acres of land. Other responsibilities include management of multi-million dollar design and construction programs, energy conservation, environmental and natural resources programs, snow removal operations, maintenance for three bombing ranges comprising of more than 573,000 acres and providing fire protection and explosive ordnance disposal services. The unit is the primary base agency for disaster preparedness planning and response.

The 354th Communications Squadron consists of 3 flights: information systems, a mission systems and planning and implementation. Together, these flights operate, maintain and manage base and deployed communications and information support to include secure and non-secure command and-control information systems, networking services, flight navigational aids, telephone service, land mobile radio service, multimedia services, communications security and computer security management, information protection and functional information management services.

The 354th Services Squadron provides combat support and community service to Eielson personnel. Responsibilities include lodging, food service, mortuary affairs, base honor guard, linen exchange, child development center and youth services. The squadron also operates and manages recreational activities including the fitness center, ski hill, bowling center, community activity center, aero club, library, outdoor recreation, skills centers, and the military club system.

354th Medical Group

The 354th Medical Group supports the wing by delivering health services to maximize readiness and community wellness. The clinic provides both medical and dental care in an outpatient setting. The bioenvironmental section provides a safe environment to live and work by ensuring compliance with all Occupational Safety and Health Administration guidelines. Fort Wainwright's Bassett Army Community Hospital and other local hospitals provide inpatient and referred specialty care. Squadrons assigned are:

The 354th Medical Operations Squadron delivers preventive and clinical health care services to the Eielson community. The unit operates a comprehensive system of mental and physical health care services including prevention, education, assessment, diagnosis, and treatment of acute and chronic illness or injury. The squadron has four flights: aerospace medicine, clinical medicine, mental health and dental.

The 354th Medical Support Squadron provides diagnostic and therapeutic services: laboratory, pharmacy and radiology; resource management: financial and manpower; TRICARE—managed care, medical logistics: medical materiel, war reserve materiel, air transportable clinic, facilities management and biomedical equipment maintenance; medical information services management, and personnel and administration in support of the medical group. The squadron is organized into five flights: business operations and beneficiary support, diagnostic and therapeutic services, medical logistics, medical information services, and personnel and administration.

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